

St John's Church, Ranmoor

# Organ Recital

**Julian Gunn**  
(St John's, Ranmoor)

Thursday 5 March 2026 at 8pm

Free admission with a retiring collection in aid of the organ  
fund

# Programme

## **Healey Willan (1880-1968)**

Five pieces for organ

*Fanfare*

*Prelude and fughetto*

*Intermezzo*

*Scherzo*

*Finale Jubilante*

## **Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)**

Chorale Partita (12 variations)

*Christus, der ist mein Leben*

## **Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)**

Hymn tune voluntaries

*Prelude on the Passion chorale*

*Chorale Prelude on Luther's hymn*

*Postlude on St Ann*

## **J. Frederick Bridge (1844-1924)**

Sonata for Organ

*Allegro Moderato*

*Andante*

*Introduction and Fugue*

## **Julian Gunn**

Julian is Assistant Organist here at St John's. In his spare time, he is Professor of Interventional Cardiology in the Medical School of the University of Sheffield and Hon. Consultant Cardiologist at the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. He is from Caterham, Surrey, attended Whitgift School, Croydon, and trained as a doctor in Cambridge. Since then he has worked in York, Leeds, Nottingham and, since 1991, Sheffield.

He played the piano from the age of seven and the organ from 12 when his chubby legs could reach the pedals. He studied organ with Alfred Williams at St John's Church, Caterham, Gary Cole at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and Richard Popplewell at HM Chapel Royal. In the 80s and 90s he was, successively, Organ Exhibitioner at Queens' College, Cambridge, second Assistant Organist at Croydon Parish Church (now Croydon Minster), Assistant Organist at St Olave's Church, York, St Mary's Church, Nottingham and St Chad's Church, Far Headingley, Leeds.

In 1994, with Dr Tim Peters, he founded the Damian Singers. As their accompanist, he played the organ three or four times a year at all the major English cathedrals for the next 25 years. He holds the diplomas of ARCM and FLCM.

He was appointed Assistant Organist at St John's in September 2017, probably because the letter went to the wrong address. He has accompanied the Ranmoor choir at Exeter cathedral, St Mary's Redcliffe, Newcastle cathedral and Truro cathedral. The week after his appointment at Ranmoor, the church roof fell in. When the mess was cleared up, and the organ re-instated, the pandemic hit, and the church shut again. Another coincidence was when a large stone fell off the tower on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023, narrowly missing him. Julian is pretty sure the Vicar's aim has improved since then, although he still has not taken the hint.

Julian's most recent contribution has been to restore the Chancel organ pipes to true 'organ metal' colour; an improvement on the Care Home beige paint which had concealed their gleaming magnificence for the last 40 years.

**Forthcoming events:**

**Sunday 22nd March 2026, 6.30pm**

Kenneth Leighton *Crucifixus Pro Nobis*  
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*  
The Choir of St John's, Ranmoor  
with the West Riding Ensemble

**Thursday 6th May 2026, 8pm**

Organ Recital: Derek Grover (St John's, Ranmoor)

**Sunday 17th May 2026, 6.30pm**

Claudio Monteverdi *Vespro della Beata Vergine*  
The Choir of St John's, Ranmoor  
With West Riding Ensemble

**Thursday 4th June 2026, 8pm**

Organ Recital: Joshua Stephens (Winchester Cathedral)

*All the above events are free admission with a retiring collection.*

**Saturday 4th July 2026, 7pm**

A Summer Gala Concert, given by the choir of St John's in aid of the Spire Appeal  
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